

REMARKS

Claim 12 has been amended for the reasons set forth below. Claim 13 has been canceled as being superfluous in light of the amendment to claim 12. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to improve readability. Accordingly, claims 12 and 14-19 are currently pending.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and receipt of the priority document.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 12 has been amended to more clearly define the invention so as to overcome the Examiner's objections to the Preliminary Amendment filed January 15, 2004, and to overcome the rejection of claims 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The claimed fourth circuit in claims 12 and 15 corresponds to circuit 1102, as illustrated in FIG. 34, and as also described, e.g., with reference to FIG. 5 in the specification. The output voltage of the fourth circuit is disclosed in FIG. 36 in which it is shown that the change rate of VINT1 to VDDQ varies at VDDQ being 3.9V. (See, e.g., specification, Page 52, line 22, through Page 52, line 4.)

Accordingly, it is believed that the fourth circuit referred to in claims 12 and 15 is sufficiently described in the specification and illustrated in the drawings, and does not constitute new matter. Thus, the Preliminary Amendment filed January 15, 2004, and claims 12 and 15 are in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and, accordingly, the objection to the Preliminary Amendment and the rejection of claims 12, and 14-19 should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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